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Ticket—Build Unionism

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REFERN MASON SCORES LATEST HERNDON ORDER

EMERGENCY CALL TO SAVE NEGRO LEADER GETS QUICK RESPONSE

Three Objectives

SIGNATURES, FUNDS AND PROTESTS NEEDED TO CONTINUE FIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—Instantly responding to the emergency call announcing that the U. S. Supreme Court had refused to review the case of Angelo Herndon, and had ordered him to surrender to Georgia authorities on Oct. 24, scores of organizations here and in the East Bay have swung into action behind the protest movement.

The United Labor Campaign Committee for a Labor Ticket in the coming Municipal elections, took immediate action when news was received. Refern Mason, president of the Northern California Newspaper Guild and candidate for Mayor on the Labor Ticket, instantly wired the U. S. Supreme Court in the name of the Committee, demanding that they review the case. He likewise telegraphed Governor Talmadge of Georgia, urging that he use his powers to free Herndon.

* Relief Demonstration.

Herndon, a young Negro organizer of the unemployed, was arrested for leading a relief demonstration in Georgia. He was indicted on an ancient "slave revolt" law and railroaded to a sentence of 18 to 20 years on the notorious Georgia chain-gangs.

Refern Mason, in response to news of the U. S. Supreme Court's refusal, stated:

* Declared a Challenge.

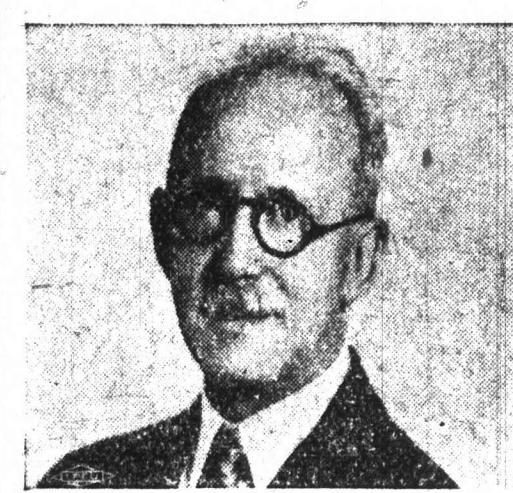
"The presence of even one prisoner in the U. S. jails who was convicted, not for crime, but for political or working class activity, is a violation and mockery of every principle of freedom and justice for which our forefathers laid down their lives in an effort to establish. In California alone, we have Mooney, Billings, the eight Criminal Syndicalism prisoners and many others. The case of Angelo Herndon is an insult and a challenge to every decent minded citizen. If such injustices as this can be enacted, then we are a long way from the goal toward which the signers of the Declaration of Independence aspired."

Churches, fraternal groups and all sympathetic individuals are being quickly mobilized by the International Labor Defense. There are three main objectives in the drive: (1) To complete signature lists and get them to the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th street, New York City, before Oct. 24. (2) Funds to carry on the

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Hetchy Project Betrayal Laid At Rossi's Door

Redfern Mason



Labor Ticket Candidate for Mayor, President of Northern Cal. Newspaper Guild (Union).

STATEMENTS ON HERNDON CASE

Georgia Railroading Scored by Nine Opinions

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The following are among the hundreds of statements made by prominent Americans affirming their confidence in the innocence of Angelo Herndon, whose case the U. S. Supreme Court has just refused to review:

CONGRESSMAN J. H. HOEPPEL

"I am satisfied that Angelo Herndon did not receive a square deal."

CONGRESSMAN FRED HILDEBRANDT

"In my opinion, a verdict rendered under a 'slave insurrection' law of Georgia must, under the circumstances, be considered inhuman and un-American."

WILLIAM PICKENS

"Not only Angelo Herndon, but every man and woman, black and white, should enter the fight to see that he is not imprisoned."

NORMAN THOMAS

"He must be pardoned for the honor of America. It is of peculiar interest that workers should rally to his defense. His cause is our cause."

JOHN L. SPIVAK

"I know Georgia chicanery. And I know just how vicious the officials of the State of Georgia can be. The sentence against Angelo Herndon means only one thing. It means death."

LEE E. GEYER

Assemblyman, 67th District, Calif. "All real Americans, regardless of race or creed, should demand the repeal of the law and the release of Herndon."

JOHN P. DAVIS

Secretary, Joint Committee for National Recovery. American citizens who have

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SOLD OUT THE PEOPLE TO THE PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Framers of Mooney

DAILY NEWS MAKES ABOUT FACE AND SUPPORTS HEARST'S ROSSI

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—Complicity of Hearst's Rossi in selling out the interests of the people of San Francisco and delivering the giant public Hetchy water system into the profiteering hands of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company was bitterly scored by William Sanders, candidate for supervisor on the Labor Ticket, in a radio speech last Tuesday night.

* Mooney Framers.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company, huge capitalist monopolists with a controlling finger in almost every industry of the state, is the firm which engineered the railroading of Tom Mooney. They also were the instigators of the "Associated Farmers", an organization of bankers and wealthy packers, which financed and carried through the railroading of the eight Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism prisoners.

Speaking over Station KGGC in one of the nightly Labor Ticket Broadcasts between 7:15 and 7:30 o'clock, Sanders, who is a member of the Ornamental Iron Workers' Union, declared: "It was just ten years last June when the electric power from this vast project was handed to the P. G. & E. for two million dollars, which was \$165,000 less than it cost the city to produce."

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(Continued from Page 1) proposal for an anti-war united front agreement with the Second International. This was characterized by *Pravda* today as "strike-breaking conduct." The fight for unity of action will be carried on.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—Major factors in the war situation remain the tug-of-war between France and Great Britain, with each manipulating League forces to bring pressure directed to make the other conform. Actual sanctions seem far off as action is postponed continuously. Great Britain has issued a sharp statement objecting to Laval's suggestion that the outside units of the British fleet be withdrawn from the Mediterranean as a peace gesture to Mussolini. Laval on the other hand will not give way on the question of using military force or even ruthless economic measures against Italy, and he seeks full guarantees against Germany's possible war acts.

Austria therefore shows signs of a major political crisis as British, French, and Italian pressure

C. S. CONFERENCE BACKED BY S. D. LABOR COUNCIL

(Continued from Page 1) His selection was favored by the former officials of the Council.

* Thank Hornblower.

Brother Walter Barnes moved that a letter of complimenting Assemblyman Hornblower for his militant stand at the recent State Highway Patrolmen's Convention be sent him. It was then suggested that a letter of criticism be sent Assemblyman Fletcher for his anti-labor stand at the same convention.

Brother Barnes added: "I will include that we throw a brick at Fletcher, too." This carried unanimously and the secretary was instructed to have the brick.

The Council went on record overwhelmingly against endorsement of the Community Chest drive now in progress. Party Lee Worcester of the Teachers' Union, Secretary Rogers, Hays of the Electrical Workers, Bill Coffey of the Hod Carriers and others talked against endorsement. Donnelly of the Musicians and Heitman, erstwhile Council president, of course, favored endorsement, obviously for political and personal reasons.

The projected Labor Radio Broadcasting station fostered by the Los Angeles Central Labor Council reactionaries, was again endorsed. Not however, until Brother Lydick declared that under its present leadership, the Los Angeles Council did not need a radio station. Lydick pointed out that the Los Angeles Examiner and the Times afforded the reactionaries sufficient avenue for their publicity.

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Italian forces in the North are consolidating their positions in readiness for a further thrust, while huge armies are reported coming to grips both in the North and the South.

SAN BERNARDINO, Oct. 17.—The American League Against War and Fascism, in accordance with a state-wide plan, has announced a huge demonstration for Nov. 11, Armistice Day, according to the Rev. George E. Schuchard, president of the San Bernardino chapter.

(Continued from Page 1) The strike of 700 auto mechanics, members of Local 1305, continues deadlocked. The employers have refused to agree to the men's demands for union shops, and the strikers are determined not to go back under any conditions.

Some 400 used car dealers have signed individual agreements with the owners so far. The new car dealers, not willing to sign an agreement with the strikers, are unsuccessfully trying to split the ranks of the strikers by getting in touch with the individual union members.

Most shops have sent out a form letter appealing to their employers to return to work. The letters all have the same proposals, and differ but slightly in wording, indicating concerted action by the employers.

EAST OF THE Rockies

Submarines Under Construction Troops Refused Relief Cut Restored Milk Strike

NEW YORK.—The periods for the construction of new submarines have been reduced to 50 per cent by the navy department. Admiral Snyder, chief of the naval base at Portsmouth, N. H., has stated.

The new submarine Plunger laid down in July of this year will be launched on July 1, 1936. The submarine Pollock laid down on Oct. 1 of this year will be launched on Sept. 1, 1936. The Porpoise and Pike laid down in the summer of this year will be completed next February and May, respectively.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Governor Horner, as a result of mass resentment against the use of troops, has refused to send National Guardsmen to break the four-weeks strike against the Boss Glove Manufacturing Co. at Kewanee. The use of troops in Indiana and the declaration of martial law at Terre Haute has caused employers to ask for the militia at the first sign of organized activity among the workers.

CLEVELAND.—Restoration of the 25 per cent food relief cut effected in the past few weeks was forced as a result of strong protest by Unemployed Councils here. In addition, the relief authorities were obliged to abandon plans for an additional cut in relief during the latter part of October. Besides the restoration of the cut in food, the 70 per cent cut in clothing allowance was restored. Coal orders, which had been entirely eliminated, will once more be available. The restoration of relief cuts affects approximately 218,000 unemployed.

CHICAGO.—There are no immediate expectations for settlement of the strike of dairy milk farmers. Strike leaders indicated that the strikers' offer for a 30 to 60 day truce was rejected by the milk dealers' association.

Striking farmers continued to picket in face of strike-breaking terror unleashed by state police, federal marshalls and gangsters hired by the Pure Milk Association, tool of the milk dealers' companies.

NEWARK, N. J.—The proposal of William Green to bar Communists from membership in A. F. of L. unions drew bitter condemnation from prominent trade unionists here. Peter Yablonsky, delegate of Painters Local 777 and candidate for the Assembly in the Essex County Labor Party declared:

"The A. F. of L. has more important problems to consider than attacking the Communists. President Green should do some honest cleaning of his own and clean out the racketeers."

Japanese Class War Fighter Is Taken by Death

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—We announce with deep regret the death of Comrade Nagura, 31 years of age.

Comrade Nagura and his brother, Hiroshi, were born in San Francisco. They joined the Communist Party in 1928 and were active in building the Rodo Shimbun (Japanese workers' paper) and helped organize the Japanese newspaper workers.

Both were typewriters. Hiroshi Nagura was killed while on strike duty in 1932. George, who grieved over his brother's death, was unable to withstand the ravages of tuberculosis contracted during his tireless activity in the working class movement.

Comrade Nagura was confined to his bed from 1932 until his death on Oct. 8 at the General Hospital, French Camp, near Stockton.

We pledge to fill the gap left by our comrade Nagura by building a stronger revolutionary movement.

A memorial meeting is being arranged by his friends and comrades to be held in the near future.

Join the Fight to Stop the Fascist War

Proclamation!

The American League Against War and Fascism Calls for an Intensive Fight For Peace and Freedom

Calling for a more determined call upon the workers, the farmers and technicians of the United States to prevent the resources and skill of this country from being used to carry on a criminal war.

* No Loans, No Supplies.

The policy of no supplies for the aggressor must be accompanied by the policy of no loans or credits. The American people need now remember that, after all other pressures had been resisted, it was the loans of our investors to the allied powers which finally pulled us into the World War. That must not happen again. We call upon all citizens to inform the administration that they will not tolerate any financial aid, direct or indirect to Mussolini. We urge them, in meetings and demonstrations to bring public condemnation of their community upon any who are willing to for the sake of financial gain to aid the mad adventure of a Fascist dictator and to risk embroiling their country in another world war.

* Save Ethiopian Independence.

"Still another issue confronts us. Failing to stop the war, some of the great powers are striving to confine it to Ethiopia. They have officially proposed to buy Mussolini off by some scheme for the joint disposal of the economic resources of the country he has invaded. We warn the American people not to be deceived by the fiction of territorial integrity or political sovereignty. We call upon them to protest as vigorously against collective as against individual exploitation of Ethiopia. We urge them to oppose any settlement that infringes upon the economic independence of Ethiopia. We ask them to rally behind the demand—ETHIOPIAN INDEPENDENCE MUST BE MAINTAINED."

* Join Hands in the Fight.

"We invite all organizations whose principles and purposes commit them to the ending of war and the prevention of fascism to associate themselves with us in rallying support behind these demands. Let us unite to stop the war, to preserve the independence of Ethiopia.

"This dangerous situation in which the world now stands contains a warning for the American people. If they are not to be dragged into another world war, they must understand the relationship between war and fascism. They must shape their course in light of the fact that this belated, aggressive war is born of the principles, the policies and the acts of the first fascist state in history. If the people of this country want peace they must stop the development of fascism among themselves. They must maintain and extend their democratic rights. The fascist state is a war making state. Its people cry peace in vain for under it there is no peace. There is only more hunger, more unemployment, more war."

* Less Talk—More Action.

The word must be accompanied by the deed. The actual thing the American people can do to stop this war is to withhold all aid, direct and indirect, from the aggressor. Otherwise we are accomplices in the crime. We propose as our national policy: NO SUPPLIES, NO LOANS, NO CREDITS FOR MUSSOLINI.

"We urge the American people to inform the President, by telegram, letter and resolution that the embargo on arms is not sufficient. It can be evaded by the shipments of parts and unfinished products. It does not cover supplies which are as essential as guns to the conduct of modern warfare. If governments cannot stop this war by preventing the aggressor from getting the supplies without which his campaign cannot continue, the millions of workers who make and process and transport these supplies can and must. In behalf of their fellow-workers, in Italy as well as Ethiopia, in the name of the innocent women and children who are suffering and who will suffer, we

We call upon the American people while yet there is time to unite AGAINST WAR, AGAINST FASCISM—FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM.

Just What is This Fascist Civilization?

Report Shows That Italian People Oppose War

The following are extracts from a memorandum by the Committee to Aid Jailed and Deported Italian anti-Fascists, with headquarters in Paris. This memorandum, released by the International Labor Defense Press Bureau, was officially presented to the League of Nations.

At a time when fascist newspapers are trying to prove that the Ethiopians are barbarians to justify fascist aggression, it is timely to publish this document on fascist barbarism.

The incidents here mentioned, besides reflecting on what the fascists term "civilization," reveal how unpopular the war is among Italian masses and give the lie to Mussolini's statement that, even

if he tried to hold them back the 200,000 guns which are in Eritrea would go off of themselves."

June 5.—At Poschiera, soldiers leaving for Africa protested. Their officers beat the soldiers to force them to march; result: one soldier was killed with blows from a club and a captain was thrown into a ravine for vengeance.

Newspapers publish decrees forbidding discussion of the war against Ethiopia.

At Sulmona, 300 militiamen refused to leave for Africa and were arrested.

June 17.—A rebellion broke out at Tricassia; five were killed and a large number wounded. At Ascoli, Piceno and at Naples, the soldiers revolted.

At Olgiate, relief was refused to families of those called to the colors.

Youth Congress in East Bay to Hold Convention Oct. 19

OAKLAND, Oct. 18.—East Bay youth will hold an all-day conference Saturday, Oct. 19, to plan and carry on the work of the American Youth Conference. The morning session, at 9:30 o'clock, at Trinity Church, 29th and Telegraph, Oakland, will hear the keynote speech by Rev. Gordon McWhirter, delegate to the Second American Youth Congress.

In the afternoon, trade union, church and student groups will draw up plans for action. Sidney M. Jacobs of the Alameda County Central Labor Council will lead the trade union group.

A mass meeting at 8 p. m. will be addressed by Dr. George Hedley and other leaders in religious, student, and trade union activities.

Laundry Union Official Held On Grand Theft

FAKER USES INFLUENCE WITH STATE TO GET OUT OF TROUBLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—Everyone is entitled to his—or her—day in court. Even union rackets of the Anna Brown Munro stripe, who is now up in Judge Steiger's court here on charges of Grand Theft.

Miss Munro was secretary of Laundry Workers' Union, Local 26, for approximately 20 years. During that time she is accused of having embezzled \$64,000 from the union members who slaved in laundries to pay their union dues.

Her husband is an assemblyman from Alameda and her defense attorney is Assembyman West. Judge Steiger, the laundry workers say, is an old friend of the Munro family.

The defense attorney challenged one juror because she had been divorced from the man who at one time or another might have belonged to a trade union. He asked every prospective juror whether or not he or she had ever had any connection with the labor movement.

The state is prosecuting the case. The only question it asks of prospective jurors is that they be not prejudiced because the defendant is a woman.

The case was finally forced into court after it had been continued for months because of the defendant's alleged "illness."

Vigilante Raid to Cost Monterey Ct'y \$9000 in Damages

SALINAS, Calif.—(FP)—Monterey county will have to pay \$9000 damages as the result of vigilante mob action during a farm strike a year ago.

The vigilantes raided and burned a camp of striking Filipino farm laborers. Rufo C. Canete, owner of the camp, sued the county for \$15,821, and received a verdict of \$9000.

As a result of the verdict, A. B. Jacobsen, chairman of the county board of supervisors, is demanding a grand jury probe of the vigilantes so that the identities of the members of the mob may be made known. If unmasked, the mobsters will face criminal as well as civil damage action.

In the Pouilles, militiamen refused to leave for Ethiopia; by way of reprisal they were dismissed from their jobs.

Clashes took place at the Milan station between the soldiers coming from Bergamo and the fascist militia.

At Albino, quarrels broke out between the drunken fascist militia who were departing, and the fascists who were not leaving. A militiaman was killed.

At Sesto San Giovanni (Milan) militiamen pretended to be sick in order not to have to leave for Africa. More than 900 deserters have already been placed in concentration camps in Yugoslavia.

103,000 soldiers went through the Suez Canal; 8000 of them came back sick.

On June 21, at Milan, quarrels broke out between the fascists and peaceful citizens who did not want to hear talk of war.

L.A. County to Cut Relief of Four Thousand

OBJECT TO AID GROWERS IN SAN JOAQUIN WITH CHEAP LABOR

LOS ANGELES, October 16.—Slow starvation, union smashing, lowering wages—this is the three-point program of the federal relief administration which was revealed baldly and with cool unconcern here yesterday by Roy W. Pilling, SERA administrator in Los Angeles County.

Four thousand relief workers will be forced off relief and made to pick cotton in the San Joaquin Valley at unknown wage and working conditions, Pilling told the Citizens' Relief Committee.

Five hundred of these will be cut off immediately, and since the growers refuse to provide transportation, left to find their way to the valley as best they may!

"They probably will make less than their subsistence budgets, and certainly less than they would in WPA," said Pilling. "The Los Angeles County Relief Administration has to solve the farmers' problems anyway, even if it does work hardships."

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Public Works and Unemployed Union is initiating a campaign against this starvation program, and will also demonstrate on Saturday, October 26 at the WPA headquarters at 12th and Sante streets, to raise demands for trade union wages and hours and for representation in deciding policy under the WPA set-up.

Camden Shipbuilders Win Concessions in Arbitration Award

WASHINGTON—(FP)—It took 15 weeks of strike and six weeks of work by President Roosevelt's arbitration board—but the Camden shipyard workers' long fight has not been in vain.

A general 5 per cent wage increase, retroactive to Aug. 29, the 36-hour week with time-and-a-half for overtime, a board of adjustment to settle disputes, 36-hour notice of layoffs, non-interference by the company in union affairs are the gains granted by the board of arbitration in Washington, named by Roosevelt Aug. 22 to settle the strike at the Camden, N. J., yards of the New York Shipbuilding Corp. A condition of the settlement is that it shall continue effective at least until the \$50,000,000 navy contract is completed.

Workers, members of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America had struck May 11. The company steadily refused to negotiate. The yard was completely shut down.

The strike was called off Aug. 29, pending final arbitration. The decision of the board constitutes a clearcut victory for the union.

Australian Writers Union Raises Wages

SIDNEY, Australia, Oct. 5.—Newspaper writers in Australia, by forming their own union, have more than doubled their pay, according to E. Pratt, general secretary of the Australian Journalists' Association. Ninety-five per cent of Australian news writers

are now members of the union, and the closed shop has been formed by agreement with all publishers.

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FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

Hungarian Airports Hunger Strike United Front Appeal Bowing to Hitler Railroad Losses

GERMANY—The construction of airports in Hungary as a base for German aviation is one of the objects of the proposed air pact between Germany, Poland and Hungary, according to French newspapers. The air pact is aimed against the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Romania. The prime minister of Hungary, Goenboes, is to visit Germany soon. A German correspondent reporting this, states that German circles are watching with much attention the strained relations between Poland and Czechoslovakia, one of the danger spots of Europe.

SOVIET UNION—Greeting with enthusiasm the recent abolition of ration cards and lowering of food prices, workers in Soviet plants have pledged themselves to overfulfill their year's plans.

Many industries are reporting that their production is ahead of schedule.

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ENGLAND—Some of Great Britain's most prominent trade union leaders and seven Labor candidates for Parliament joined in an appeal to the Executive Committee of the Labor and Socialist (Second) International to urge prompt acceptance of the proposal by the Communist International leading to a united working class front against war and fascism. Secretary Wall of the London Trades Council reported that the Executive Committee of the London Trades Council had already established friendly relations with the powerful French people front of Socialists and Communists.

POLAND—A Polish-Jewish merchant was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment by a Warsaw court for "insulting the head of a foreign state." According to the indictment, he had returned unopened a letter he received from Germany, with the note written on the envelope, "While Hitler and his gang remain in power in Germany, I request you not to send any letters." The Polish government is doing its best to curry favor with Hitler by suppressing any anti-fascist sentiments.

GERMANY—German railroads showed a deficit of about 100 million marks for the eight months of this year compared with the same period last year, according to the board of management of German railroads. It is expected the deficit will be increased in the remaining months of the year.

CORRECTION

Porterville, Calif., Oct. 10, 1935.

Comrade Editor:</

Il Duce Secures Scenario Writer In Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Oct. 17.—(Hollywood News Bureau)—Herman J. Mankiewicz, important writer of Hollywood screen plays and original stories, whose work has been banned in Germany by the Hitler government, has accepted a commission from Mussolini to write a story that will justify the Fascist dictator's program of colonial expansion.

The picture, "Christopher Columbus", in which Frederic March is to be starred, receiving \$100,000 for the job, goes into production in April. Mankiewicz leaves Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, from whose chief, Louis B. Mayer, he has received a leave of absence, in two weeks.

* Fascist Propaganda.

Mussolini is preparing the propaganda film through a subsidy arrangement with an Italian company, and plans to give the picture world-wide distribution in an attempt to justify his colonial expansion policy, obviously to demand "the place in the sun" to which Il Duce believes, Columbus' original discoveries entitle Italy. The film is planned also to have a modern sequence to further implant this thought.

Almost a year ago, Mankiewicz entered an arrangement with an independent producer in this country to write the script for an anti-Hitler picture, to be entitled "The Mad Dog of Europe". Hays' office objections were followed by admonitions from the State Department at Washington which finally stopped work on the film. Immediately thereafter, however, Hitler announced that any picture on which Mankiewicz received screen credit would be banned in Germany.

* An Artist for Sale.

Any thought, however, that Mankiewicz' work on an anti-Hitler picture was prompted by any anti-Nazi sentiments, is completely wiped out by his acceptance of this new Fascist offer. Interested solely in the financial end of the deal, Mankiewicz is seeking to up his present income which amounts to well over \$85,000 a year.

He is one of Hollywood's most important writers of originals and screenplays. He is responsible for the original story on "Meet the Baron" which introduced Jack Pearl to few audiences, and the screen plays on "Dinner at Eight", "Another Language", "The Show-Off" and "Stambul Quest" among others. On the latter picture to which 65 writers had been assigned before an acceptable script was turned out, Mankiewicz received the only screen credit.

Portland Engineer Faces Deportation To Fascist Germany

PORLTAND, Ore., Oct. 15.—Walter Baer, civil engineer of Portland, faces deportation to fascist Germany unless strong protest is aroused. The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has exhausted all legal means to save this anti-fascist fighter from the Nazi jails.

Baer has lived in this country since childhood, has an American wife and three small American-born children, but this is of small importance besides the fact that he was in the forefront in the fight of unemployed and workers for better conditions. The legal excuse used is that he had committed "crimes involving moral turpitude," which were committed 14 years ago when he was a boy.

Portland newspapers, including the Oregonian, the Oregon Journal, and the News-Telegram, have protested editorially against this deportation. Prominent Portland citizens, including Dr. Raymond B. Walker, Oregon prison commission, Rabbi Sandow, Rev. Acheson and others have protested this outrage. But unless a stream of protests is directed to the Secretary of Labor and the President, it will be impossible to save Baer.

We urge you to send in unit experiences for the proposed Party Work column.

Public Works and Unemployed Union City and County Council

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News Stories and Comment by Worker Correspondents

INJURED AWAIT AID WHILE DR. MAKES CHECKUP

MEDICO WOULD LOSE JOB IF HE HELPED OTHER COUNTY'S CASE

* By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN DIEGO—A serious traffic accident which occurred recently on Mountain Springs Grade got into the dispute between San Diego and Imperial county hospital officials, with the result that the injured were left bleeding, wholly without medical care, for several hours.

The seriously injured persons, men and women, were removed from the scene of the accident by private autos and placed on rude pallets on the floor of the Jacumba justice court room. Those able to talk said they would have to be taken to the county hospital.

An ambulance from San Diego, 70 miles away, took an hour and a half to show up. There was no doctor in Jacumba. When the ambulance arrived the doctor would do nothing for the injured till he was certain the accident happened in San Diego county and not in Imperial county. He said his supervisors would fire him if he touched another county's case. So he wasted time going to the scene of the accident to check up and it was proved that the accident happened in San Diego county.

Two hours after the ambulance arrived in Jacumba it started to San Diego with the injured, who had spent all that time in the noon-day heat of this bake-oven town unnecessarily.

The workers of Jacumba are organizing to force San Diego county to install an ambulance station and physician in that town. At the same time protest is being rallied at this business of ignoring injured people until it is decided just where they are smashed up on the Mountain Springs Grade—which crosses and recrosses the county line.

ONION GROWERS CUT PAY THOUGH PRICES ARE UP

JOBLESS DRIVEN INTO FIELDS BY SERA

* By an Unemployed Worker.

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Oct. 15.—The wage-smashing, starvation program of the Federal Relief Administration is becoming apparent to us unemployed workers in Riverside County.

Near Romoland, unemployed workers are being forced to work in the onion fields at the starvation pay rate of six cents per 100 pounds, enabling us to earn the tremendous sum of \$6.75 per week on which to keep us and our families alive.

Growers receive \$1 per 100 lbs. for the onions in the field.

Last year, when onions were paid eight cents per 100 lbs.

We are attempting to build a strong Public Works and Unemployed Union here to protect our interests and to force higher wages for working in the onion fields and more adequate relief scales.

Private Armies in England Denounced By Trades Union

LONDON.—The British Trades Union Congress in its September convention adopted the following resolution, bitterly attacking the fascist private armies which are counterparts to American "vigilante" groups:

"That, as a first step towards combatting the menace of Fascism, the government should amend the Unlawful Drilling Act of 1819 to prevent the existence of private armies, with heavy penalties for illegal detention of citizens in so-called club houses or barracks."

At the same Congress Kershaw of the Weavers' Union reported that fascists were concentrating their forces in Lancashire because of the desperate situation of the cotton workers.

The fascists used the claim that further suppression of Eastern peoples would aid Lancashire weavers.

The Undertakers Appreciate Him

SAN DIEGO.—During President Roosevelt's visit to this city a local business firm inserted a small ad in the daily "Sun", acknowledging the fact that his recovery program had helped their line of business very nicely.

The advertisement read as follows:

"We Are Proud of You President Roosevelt.
Keep Up the Good Work.
SMITH MORTUARY,
J. D. & Cora Smith,
2876 El Cajon H. 1214."

Take Children to Work, Jobless Told

SERA ORDERS FAMILIES TO PICK WALNUTS

* By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.—To maintain profits for the big farmers the relief officials are telling the unemployed to take any job offered, doing any kind of work at any rate of pay, regardless of their fitness for the work.

Workers in San Bernardino have been sent to pick and shuck walnuts at 75 cents per 100 lbs. When the workers tell the SERA and WPA officials that they cannot make their budgets picking walnuts they are told to take their children to work with them.

The workers are naturally soft physically from their long enforced idleness, they have no protection for their hands and they are usually in a rundown condition from the starvation relief budgets. As a result, many of them are getting dermatitis of their hands due to the chemical irritation from juice of the husks of walnuts. (Dermatitis, in plain proletarian language, means sloughing of the flesh.)

The Workers' Clubs of this county are fighting this set-up tooth and nail and call upon all jobless to organize for better wages and working conditions in the fields or adequate relief budgets.

Sylvester Coudle, an SERA worker who was sent to pick walnuts, reported to the Workers' Club here with his hands in a frightful condition from the walnut juice. They were swollen and rotten so he is incapacitated for work for some time to come.

He was taken to a local doctor who signed a statement, as follows:

"Mr. Sylvester Coudle: This man has a severe dermatitis of both hands, sloughing of skin with ulceration webs of fingers, due to chemical irritation from juice of husks of walnuts."

She Was Happier For Help of WPUU

* By a Worker Correspondent.

WHITTIER, Calif.—Racial discrimination was whipped here today as the result of action of a grievance committee of the Public Works and Unemployed Union.

When Mrs. Maud Toquinto, Mexican worker, was given cast-off, worn-out clothing for herself and two children, the "generous" donation of some church group, she went with the P.W.U.U. grievance committee to the D.P.O. of the SERA and returned the useless garments.

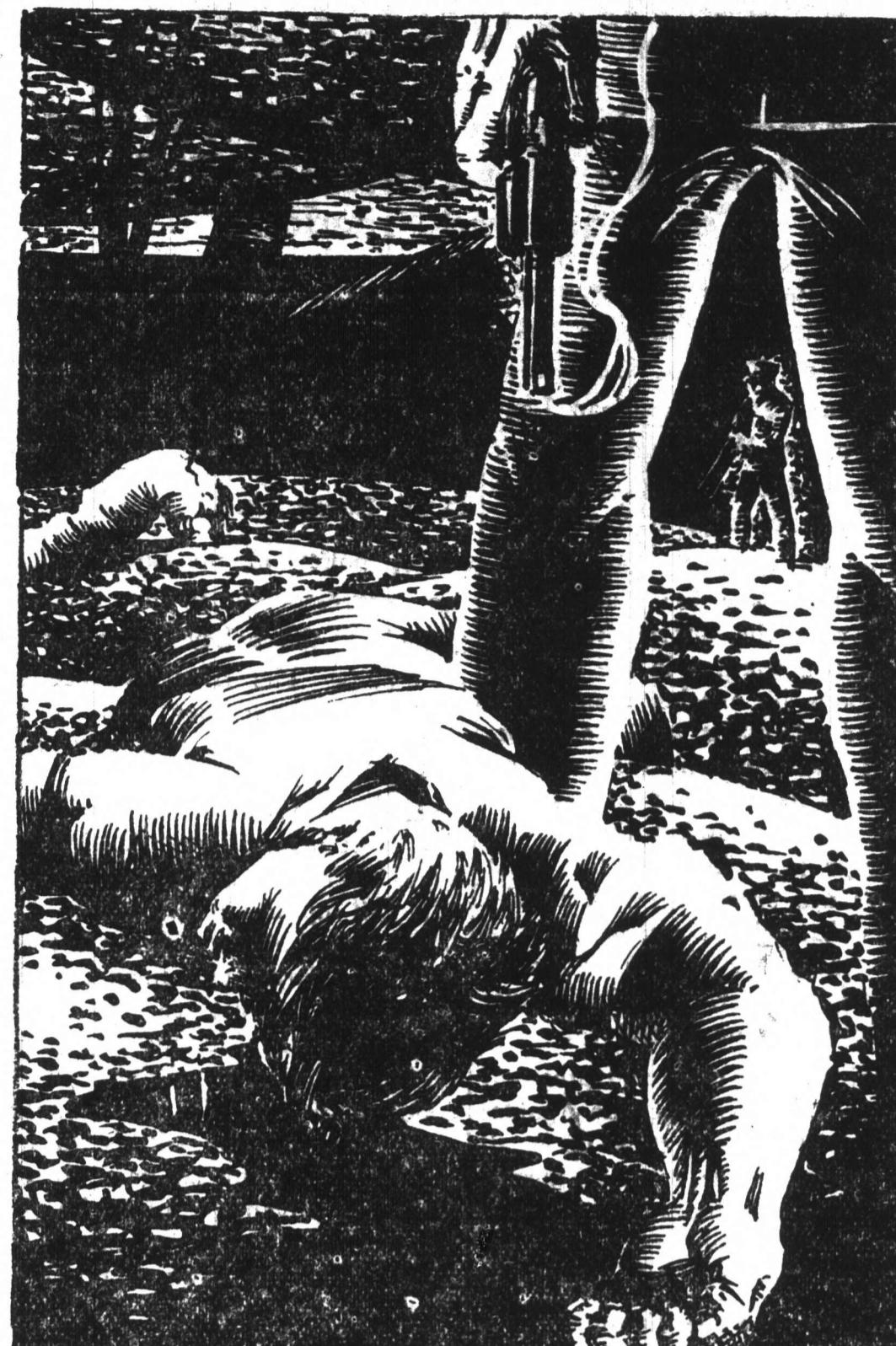
"These clothes should make you feel very happy," relief officials told Mrs. Toquinto.

Mrs. Toquinto became happier when she saw the grievance committee acting efficiently and with working class unity to force the authorities to give her a regular clothing order for new garments for herself and two children

City Acquires All Public Utilities

AUSTIN, Minn., Oct. 7.—(FP)—With the acquisition of the natural gas distribution system Oct. 1, the city of Austin became the owner of all the utilities within its borders. Water, light, power and gas are now genuine public utilities instead of private utilities. The city paid \$162,500 in cash for the gas distributing system, out of earnings of the municipal plants already in operation.

"Strike Scene . . ."



BY BEAU VINCENT

YOU CAN PUT YOUR "BRAINS" IN A GAS MASK OR NEWSPAPER

BUT IF YOU ARE SMART YOU'LL JOIN A UNION

* By Anonymous.

After 15 years' observation of six boys, all of working class parentage, (some of whom are on relief), I give their careers to date. One joined the Navy; the second is in a CCC camp; the third is in the State penitentiary doing a long term; this technique was crude in a hold-up; the fourth

is an experienced truck pusher in a cannery during the summer season; the fifth is still of teen age and attending High School. He is also a member of the National Guard. Previous to enrolling for the late Maritime strike this young defender of the "status quo" was regarding a group of what was in store for the striking longshoremen.

The kid reporter began: "I gotta leg it all over town on different assignments, I cover the police blotters, fires, accidents, murders, strikes and so forth. In my spare time I listen to the radio to get material for the sports column, when Fannie Florrie was sick for a couple weeks, I filled her column with sentimental tripe."

"You know," the lad continued seriously, "It takes brains to write crap for a newspaper."

I admitted, it did take "brains."

"Yes!" he said grievously, "But what gets us newspaper guys sore,—we only get common laborers wages, while the linotype operators get fifty odd a week, setting up copy that we have created with our brains. After all, printing is only mechanical work."

"Well!" I explained profoundly, "You see, those linotypers should be credited with the most brains. They're organized; if you writing fellows were organized, you, too, could demand decent wages."

Speaking of brains," continued the veteran, "I fail to see where you have any. Supposing your brother, or father, was striking for better wages and working conditions, would you enjoy seeing them cry and puke?" Meanwhile he added up with, "And if you do not do this work, I'll have you thrown off relief!" Foster actually has no such power.

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The sixth, after completing his studies in primary and High School attended Junior College. There he took up a course in journalism, edited the college magazine, graduating to become a news reporter for the Daily Worker (fictitious name for obvious reasons).

The kid replied sheepishly, "No—I don't believe I would."

"That so!" he gasped in surprise, "Well! I've gotta be going—come around to the house one night and tell us all about it, you certainly know what it is all about."

He backed away, announcing, "I've got to go to . . . street, a bankrupt business man hanged himself in the basement of his store, I've gotta write it up."

"Hello! you old reprobate," he greeted, "How's wucks?"

Mrs. Scheinberg to Address F.S.U. Meet

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Claire Scheinberg, recently returned from a prolonged visit in the Soviet Union will testify to the fact that the Russians under the Soviet regime are the happiest people on earth. Mrs. Scheinberg, because she speaks Russian and German was able to get intimately acquainted with many families in the USSR.

She will relate her experiences at the next meeting of the Friends of the Soviet Union at California Club, 1750 Clay st., Tuesday, Oct. 28, 8 p. m. Non-members are welcome.

HEARST NEWSPAPERS BOYCOTT

Attempt to Split Union is Blocked

* New Mexico Worker Missing

ROSWELL, N. M., Oct. 17. Lester Turnbough, North Hill Committee of the Unemployed Council, has disappeared and not been heard from for over a month. It is feared he has become the victim of vigilantes.

His family can get no word him and are in the most severe distress. It is thought he knew too much of the crooked deals being put over on the workers relief. If any reader knows of his whereabouts address his wife in Camp Ray, this city.

* JOBLESS WON'T TAKE JOBS FOR 5 CENTS A DAY

SAN DIEGO RELIEF HEAD TRIES TO HELP EXPO.

* By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN DIEGO.—Several hundred SERA workers have been asked to work in the California-International Pacific Exposition for 5 cents a day for a ten-day period sweeping streets and gardens. In return they would receive a ticket to the Fair which is worth a total of 50 cents.

Harry Foster, big shot in the American Legion and WPA superintendent, thought up the idea and sent out 125 cleverly worded "come-on" post cards. They said "Many former SERA employees who have worked in Balboa Park desire to meet next Tuesday at the Nursery Building. If you worked here before, or if you are interested, please meet with the gang at 10 a. m. that day. (Signed) Harry L. Foster."

At 10 a. m. Tuesday, some 40 men were present and were addressed by a police officer who told them what they were wanted for and what was expected of them—all for a ticket to a crooked Exposition.

Two minutes later the entire crowd had drifted away laughing at what suckers they were for wasting carfare.

So Foster sent out some more cards. The response was a little larger and this time he addressed the workers himself. Telling them what he wanted, he ended up with, "And if you do not do this work, I'll have you thrown off relief!" Foster actually has no such power.

Twenty men at the most signed up to work, and about a dozen appeared the next day. The rest of the men called his bluff.

The crew of SERA men who were working for nothing on the Harbor Department has quit.

Many WPA Workers Quit Navy Yard Job

* By a Worker Correspondent.

VALLEJO, Calif.—The Solano County Public Works and Unemployed Union, against bitter opposition from the secretary and vice president of the Vallejo Labor Council, is increasing its membership right along. The capitalist paper here (the Bibbitt Press) refuses to print notices of our meetings, but we have a good attendance anyway.

We are prepared to send delegates to the coming convention at San Luis Obispo on the 20th.

Many of the relief workers at Mare Island Navy Yard who live in Oakland, Richmond and surrounding towns are quitting the job because of the high cost of transportation. With the tolls on the toll-bridge it amounts in many instances to as much as \$16 a month.

The Public Works at the Navy Yard claim they have no money for projects, so the jobs are stamped WPA and the relief workers are called upon to do the necessary labor,

MOVIE REVIEWS

A Pig's Eye View of University Groups Hearst-ism In Celluloid—College Students With Beards and Bombs

"FIGHTING YOUTH", a Universal picture with Chas. Farrell, Ann Sheridan, Eddie Nugent, and Alden Chase.

By L. A.

No doubt this piece of sublime stupidity will be heralded as "The greatest football picture ever filmed. See the All-Americans smash thru to victory," etc. Plot follows.

College opens. Gals, freshmen, etc. The hero steps out of an R.O.T.C. uniform into a football suit. The villain, new style, is the student movement. A meeting of the Central Committee of the radical Student League for Freedom is in session. They must secretly undermine the morale of the football team.

The radical girl leader seduces our hero. He attends a meeting of the League. He is pleased when asked to speak. The girl friend is on the spot and forthwith delivers a stinging rebuke to the group. Says she, to the hero, "Do you think it's smart to be mixed up in this sort of crowd?" Hero fumbles at the next game and loses by a large margin.

Coach spots his star football player (our hero) at dinner with the radical girl. Ah! He threw the game. So he goes to the dean with his sad tale. "That group in the League of Freedom would blow up anything," he sobs. You must fight it out in your own way incites the dean. At the next day's football practice our hero rebels at the rough school and quits.

Now, the shifty looking "brains" behind the league must get possession of a secret list of members and sympathizers which is hidden in a secret panel in a deserted house. He is always being shadowed so he, with another radical student, inveigle the hero's girl

L. A.
"Together We Live", a Columbia picture with Ben Lyon. Domestic tragedy induced by red propaganda, says Variety.

Books and Pamphlets

PROLETARIAN LITERATURE IN THE UNITED STATES. A Book Union selection edited by Granville Hicks, Michael Gold, Isidor Schneider, Joseph North, Paul Peters, Alan Cameron, with a critical introduction by Joseph Freeman.

Reviewed by M. J. OLGIN

It is in this way that the American Writers' Congress and the League of American Writers could make their appearance. And it is because of all these developments that the present volume became a living fact. Five years ago a collection like this could hardly be realized. Today it is there to have, to read, to pass on—a beautifully designed volume filled to overflowing with vital proletarian stuff no intelligent person can afford to pass by. (Most of the material of this volume was, in fact, created in the last five years.) The Anthology, in turn, will undoubtedly exercise its influence not only on the literary man but also on the economic and political struggles of the workers.

In this sense the publication, "proletarian literature," is appropriate, although most of the writers included in the collection do not hail from the proletarian and some of them have only recently joined the revolutionary literary front. It is proletarian literature in the sense that it is literature dealing with the proletarian masses and revealing the specific traits of proletarian life.

♦ High Literary Level.

The choice of the material has been made with discretion and good literary judgment. One may argue about preferences, about the omission of this or that piece known to a particular reader. One may question the absence of some names which, according to one or another friend of revolutionary literature, should have been included. But such arguments would lead nowhere. What is significant about this collection is this: First, the entire material contained in it—works or fragments of works of 61 writers—is, on the whole good literature, good writing. We have here 16 short stories, or excerpts from novels, 53 poems, 8 pieces of artistic reportage, 5 dramatic sketches or acts from full-size plays, 9 articles of literary criticism, besides the extended general introduction to the whole volume (by Joseph Freeman) and the terse illuminating prefaces to each section—and not a single

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HEARST NEWSPAPERS!

The Mooney Frame-Up On Parade

Fickert, Former District Attorney, Now Broken Man, May Spill Whole Story

PART XIV.

The story of the present habeas corpus hearing in San Francisco, before a state supreme court referee, Attorney A. E. Shaw. Nineteen years ago Mooney and Billings were framed for murdering a man with a bomb. In 1934 Mooney demanded a new trial on an old indictment charging him with the murder of another one of the victims of the same bomb. The second trial was held and he was acquitted.

Now his freedom is demanded under a writ of habeas corpus.

From a surface point of view the past week has not been a very startling one in the hearings being held before Referee Shaw in San Francisco. Most of the time has been taken up in reading into the record the 1916 and 1917 testimony of Oxman, Rigall, Mrs. Edeau and others in the three trials and in the Oxman hearing before the Grand Jury for subornation of perjury. However, this is immediately important for an orderly presentation of the case, and is laying the ground for the appearance of witnesses, both new and old, who will build up an unbreakable record of the deliberate framing of Mooney and Billings by the district attorney and his staff and their henchmen on the police force.

♦ Witness "Can't Remember."

The only witness actually to take the stand during the week—except for a brief testimony by Rena Mooney's sister, Mrs. Belle Hammerburg, to identify the copy of Oxman's affidavit in Kansas City, secured by her in 1926—was Frank Tharp, Pacific Coast manager of the Burns Detective Agency, who was on the stand at the end of the week before. This has

Long Beach Worker Wins Reversal on Charge of Slander

LONG BEACH, Calif., Oct. 14.—Conviction of Loretta Adams, member of the Long Beach Workers' Club, for criminal slander, was reversed on appeal to the appellate department of the Supreme Court.

The defendant had been sentenced to \$100 fine or 25 days in jail for her exposure of a disrupter in the club called Ethel Parker. This disrupter had tried to seize control of the club at a meeting by stating that there was a police present who had informed her 17 Communists were present.

A special star chamber meeting was called which expelled the seventeen alleged Communists.

One of the ousted members, Loretta Adams, investigated and found out that this Ethel Parker came from San Bernardino. On exposing her character to the members at the next meeting on March 2, she was arrested for criminal slander.

The nature of the frameup was so raw that the appeal court was reluctantly forced to reverse the sentence. Allan Frankel was retained by the International Labor Defense to represent the defendant.

♦ Socialist Realism.

Secondly, the literary production here collected succeeds in being class literature without appearing to be "propaganda." Hardly any critic with a sense of literary value will be able to say that the facts as here recorded by the writers have been so marshalled as to prove a thesis. The editors were particularly careful to avoid the pitfall of equating reality to conform to theory. They rightly assumed that the life of the proletariat as it is contains enough revolutionary implications. There is a happy avoidance of sermonizing in the volume, and whenever there appears revolutionary action, it seems to grow out of the very soil of the workers' lives.

If socialist realism consists in truthfully depicting reality by showing the essential, not some accidental or illusory, traits of reality, by revealing the historical tendencies inherent in that reality and by making clear the inevitability of the victory of the new over the old social forces, then the bulk of this volume is Socialist realism. The literary criticism contained therein furnishes the ideological weapon in the struggle for socialist realism.

The Book Union could make no better choice for its first approach to the proletarian readers.

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DAILY WORKER DRIVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Last

reports show that \$37,325.80 have

been raised in the drive for funds

to add the Daily Worker and the

Communist Party. The total sought

is \$60,000. The drive is not pro-

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The Communists Must Be Heard

The amazing persuasiveness of Communists is something that needs explanation. Never before has the kept press cried out so fervently: "Please silence the Communists. Don't let them rent halls. Don't let them appear at meetings. Drive them out of the unions. Arrest them. Deport them. Jail them. Kill them. ANYTHING! But PLEASE! PLEASE! Don't let them talk."

This is difficult to understand.

If we Communists are any of the terrible things they try to say we are, then the quickest way to discredit us and put us out of business would be to let us talk. If we really preach doctrines of violence and justice, then by all means they should be eager to let us talk. In such a case, it would be very easy to argue us down.

Mr. Hearst specializes in "exposing" Communism. Yet his is the most frantic voice among all those pleading that we be silenced. If he really believes we are so dreadful, why doesn't he urge people to attend our meetings, read our press and see for themselves. Wouldn't this be the best possible "exposure?"

Mr. William Green and Mr. Edward Vandeleur and Mr. Scharrenberg are all very anxious that members of the American Federation of Labor be expelled from their unions as rapidly as they join the Communist Party. The voice of a Communist on the floor of a union seems to be an astonishingly persuasive influence, since the gentlemen who wield the gavels cannot compete with it.

The answer to this proposition is simple and expressive, if not very elegant. It seems that the eminent and distinguished spokesmen of capitalism, when boiled down to their essence, are ordinary cowards and liars.

The healthiest thing for any union is to have Communists in its membership. The healthiest thing for any community is to have Communists expressing their viewpoint at public meetings. Before making any decision, before forming any opinion, why should you not be able to hear what the Communist viewpoint is on that subject?

Are you to regard yourselves as imbeciles incapable of controlling your own minds? Are you afraid to hear the Communists talk because you fear they will convince you?

We think not. We think you are interested in hearing our voice and capable of judging its logic for yourself.

The spokesmen of capitalism also knew this. And that is why they are afraid of having you hear us.

You have a right to hear us. These are common rights and we must unite in defense of them.

This is no casual issue. It is serious and important. You are going to need your rights of free speech and freedom of political opinion very badly in the coming years. Fight for them now. It is easier to maintain them while we have them than to win them back once they have been taken away.

Just as surely as you let them take these things away from you, you are going to have a fight to win them back. And it will be a very bitter fight.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, when explaining the aims of the University of Virginia: "This institution will be based upon the inimitable freedom of the human mind. For here we are not afraid to follow truth wherever it may lead, nor to tolerate error as long as reason is left free to combat it."

Deportation—The Last Resort of Numskulls

Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Benjamin Franklin, if alive today would be clubbed senseless by the police department if they uttered any of the wisdom for which they are famed.

Their common ideal, freedom of speech, has suggested to such a pretense that employers make free use of police and courts to jail and drive out the men whose arguments they cannot answer.

We have the example now of James Branch whom authorities are making every effort to deport to the West Indies for the admitted reason that he taught classes on Marxism, lectured on current topics and spoke in support of organized labor.

The authorities make no effort to conceal the fact that Branch's foreign birth is of no importance to them and is merely being utilized as a means of getting him out of the way.

Branch has been ordered to report for deportation on Oct. 21. The International Labor Defense is filling a writ of habeas corpus and is calling upon all honest persons to protest to Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins.

If our public institutions have become so corrupt, so soggy with graft and privilege that the honestly expressed opinion of any man can endanger them—then that man should be heard. And you have a right to hear him.

Defend his right to speak. Defend your right to hear.

"Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

Only Honest Votes Will Defend Your Interests

If you try to play a crafty game with the machine of professional politics, you are going to come out with the short end of the stick. That is their game and you needn't think you can beat them at it.

The only thing that you can fight with is straightforward honesty.

A lot of people have been heard to say that they believe Redfern Mason and the United Labor Ticket have the only platform with genuine integrity, and that is truly in the interests of the people. "But," they continue, "The most important thing is to defeat Rossi. Therefore, even though Uhl is a professional politician with a dubious record, he is the lesser of two evils."

And just as many people are saying: "The most important thing is to defeat Uhl. Therefore, even if Rossi is the tool of the Industrial Association, he is the lesser of two evils—at least he is a known evil and Uhl and his Uhlans might be a thousand times worse."

The lesser of two evils is the worst of all evils and a dishonest vote.

In the first place, the race is not between Uhl and Rossi but between Mason and Rossi. A vote for Uhl or any of the other candidates is a vote for Rossi.

There is only one way to vote that can possibly further your interests or overcome the disgraceful corruption and servitude to Big Business which is strangling Municipal politics. That is, for you to sincerely study the platforms and backing of all candidates. Then vote honestly for what you believe is right.

If you are a working man or woman, whether white collar or in overalls, if you are a small business man or a small property owner, a professional man or liberal, your honest vote can only be for Redfern Mason and the United Labor Ticket.

Emergency Call In Herndon Crisis

On Monday, Oct. 14, a general alarm sounded through the ranks of every working class organization in America. In hundreds of towns and cities from coast to coast, the wires were flashing. Telegrams were being opened in headquarters of workers' groups. Hands reached quickly for telephones. Meetings were stopped in the middle of business. Other matters were deferred as organizations swung into action on a major working class emergency.

Angelo Herndon had been ordered to surrender to the chain gangs of Georgia within ten days. The U. S. Supreme Court had refused to review the case of the young Negro organizer of the unemployed who was arrested and railroaded by Southern capitalists who invoked an ancient slave revolt law dating back to 1865. A crude suppression frame-up violating and mocking every principle of freedom and justice for which the Constitution is supposed to stand. So glaring was the corruption that workers in every State took up the cry for his freedom and his name has become a symbol of the working class struggle. \$18,000 in small amounts was contributed by workers to bail him out pending appeal to higher courts.

IN THE FACE OF THIS, THE U. S. SUPREME COURT REFUSES EVEN TO REVIEW THE CASE.

Herndon is ordered to surrender on the 24th of October. Between that time and now you must take the following emergency steps:

1—Press the drive for collection of signatures.

See that all lists are in the hands of the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th st., New York City, before that date.

2—Send funds to carry on the emergency drive.

3—Send telegrams to Governor Talmadge demanding he exercise his power to free Herndon.

4—Send telegrams to the U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., demanding a review of the case.

HERNDON MUST NOT SERVE A SINGLE DAY ON THE CHAIN GANG!

A Campaign of Rumors On the Waterfront

Certain agents of the shipowners, who have squirmed themselves into the ranks of the maritime workers, for more than a month have attempted to foster a whispering campaign calculated to disrupt the unity now existing between the different maritime unions.

They attempt to set seamen against longshoremen—longshoremen against seamen. They put the seamen on the back at one corner and flatten the longshoremen at another.

They say the longshoremen are "pork chop conscious," and that the seamen are attempting to force the longshoremen into a strike. No rumor is too vile for them to repeat.

In the meantime the shipowners are engaged in a campaign to discredit the maritime workers—not longshoremen—not seamen—but all maritime workers. They want to smash the maritime unions and put the fakers back in their jobs as heads of what would be merely company unions.

No one disputes the fact the shipowners have a strong united front. They know what unity means and that's why they fear it in the maritime unions.

The present time is a time for solidarity of all crafts. It is no time to listen to rumor-mongers. Hot cargo will soon be here from the Gulf. The shipowners want us to violate all union principles—to work the filthy stuff. We will not do this.

Remember—AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL!

Let's smash those rumors.

WESTERN WORKER,
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San Francisco, Calif.

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Party Life**Recruiting Drive So Far; Complaint From a Unit****MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Last week we published a checkup on new recruits from Sept. 21 to Oct. 5. The following is the checkup from Oct. 5 to 12.

During this last week, the following Sections recruited:

Sonoma—One Woman; total 1.
Los Angeles—One shop worker, 2 unemployed; total 23.

San Diego—One Woman, 4 unemployed, 2 farmers; total 8.

East Bay—5 A. F. L., 2 women, 2 unemployed; total 9.

San Francisco—9 A. F. L., 3 shop workers, 6 unemployed; total 37.

The above shows the recruits from Sept. 21 to Oct. 12, with the results of the last week itemized, according to categories.

To date, only 93 members have been recruited since the beginning of the drive. Comrades! This must be speeded up if we are going to make our quota by Nov. 7. More than half of the time for the drive has already elapsed. The following Sections have not brought in even one new member since Sept. 21.

Nevada, Arizona, Bakersfield, Monterey, Merced, Fresno, Stockton, Sacramento, Santa Barbara, San Jose, San Mateo, Tulare.

This means that 12 out of 21 Sections have obviously not made any consistent attempt to bring in any new members in their respective sections. Especially in these 12 Sections, during the next week, every single member in the Party must be mobilized to do daily recruiting. Contacts must be checked on, and systematic attempts made to visit them and recruit them to the Party. There is very little time left. We expect during this next week to hear from every Section in the Party that they are doing their part to go over the top in this drive.

QUERY ON DIMITROFF PAMPHLET

The comrades of this unit feel that there is laxity in the distribution of the speech of Dimitroff. The Daily Worker and the Party Organizer have both told us that one-half million copies of this important document must be sold. There were discussions in the units, everyone was primed to make a real distribution of the pamphlet. But where are they? I understand that the Los Angeles Section received 300 copies which were sold out in less than day.

We here, of course, do not know what difficulties in publication may have been encountered.

However, this delay in the Dimitroff pamphlet is not an isolated incident. Peter's "Manual," an exceedingly important party document is also unobtainable from time to time.

We have a keen recognition that our Party Press and publications are among the most important weapons placed in our hands. However, there should be less time lag in distribution so that we may take advantage of the timeliness.

Agit-Prop., Unit J-8, Hollywood Sub-Section

NOTE: The Dimitroff pamphlet (reviewed on this page) is now available in large quantities. District 13 has been set a quota of 20,000 copies of this first pamphlet.

Here are the quotas by sections:

Los Angeles 9500
San Francisco 5500
San Diego 100
East Bay 100
Sacramento 500
San Bernardino 300
Santa Barbara 250
San Mateo 250
Fresno 200
Stockton 200
San Jose 200
Eureka 150
Monterey 150
Contra Costa 100
Bakersfield 100
Merced 100
Sonoma 100
Tulare 100
Porterville 100
Arizona 100
Nevada 100

SEATTLE, Wash.—(F.P.)—The Seattle Central Labor Council has voted to request all affiliated bodies "to refuse to handle or load any commodities destined for Italy, Eritrea or Italian Somaliland, in order that while defending

THE GOBBLER**SOME REQUIRED READING FOR EVERY WORKER**

* * * * * COMRADE DIMITROFF'S REPORT ON FASCISM * * * * *

UNITY OF ANTI-FASCIST FORCES IS NEEDED

Working Class Unity—Bulwark

attacking capitalism, against fascism, the proletariat may be in a position tomorrow to create the preliminary conditions for its final emancipation."

*** Must Include Communists.**

One by one Comrade Dimitroff answers the stock objections which confused and reactionary opponents alike, make against a united front which includes the Communists.

He shows that all these arguments against the united front will not bear the slightest criticism. They are the exercises of cowards and reactionary leaders of Social-Democracy, who prefer a comfortable united front with the ruling class and middle class masses of the town.

And the ruling class and middle class masses of the town. And fourth, the revolutionary proletariat must exercise vigilance and take action at the proper time.

*** Required Reading.**

Comrade Dimitroff's report is required reading for every Communist Party member. But it must go far and away beyond the Communist Party. And there are millions of workers, small farmers, intellectuals and white collar workers who need this clear-cut report and analysis—and will read it if it is put into their hands.

*** Fascism Can Be Stopped.**

On page 13 of this pamphlet Comrade Dimitroff asks the question, "Is the victory of fascism inevitable?"

It is for sale at the International Book Shop, 170 Golden Gate Ave., at the Workers' School Book Shop, 121 Haight st., San Francisco, and at the Workers' Book Shop, Room 418, 224 So. Spring St., Los Angeles.

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

WE GET INTO THE CCC, TOO

Fresno, Calif.

Editor, Western Worker: Since I recently enrolled into the CCC, I have been unable to make the most of my subscription to the Western. I have no place to receive it and no place to read it. I think I should appreciate it very much if you could mail my copy to Mr. ... He is a student at the University there and would appreciate the Western, though he is not yet able to subscribe to it.

I wish to say that I have enjoyed the Western in the last few months more than any periodical I have ever read. I hope that in the near future I may be able to send you news of the CCC.

Thanking you for your courtesy and hoping that you can do this for me, I remain,

M. E. P.S.—It might interest you to know that I have made a habit of passing my Western around to four or five student friends and then when it is returned I put it in a file as I prize the Western very highly.

FROM A WHITE COLLAR WORKER

San Francisco.

To my employer:

I am angry because you force me to contribute to the Community Chest. Certainly I know babies are starving and I know more and more babies will starve just so long as all disgusted humanity does not organize and in union demand the right of a wholesome existence on this earth for every working man and woman.

You and your family exist lavishly and it spoils your good times to be reminded that babies are starving all around you. So once a year you allow yourselves to be heralded as the savers of the lives of the babies, some of whom